

said Lots before any of the said Lots shall be taken up by any other Person or Persons; *Provided* such Choice shall be made within Ten Days after the Land aforesaid shall be surveyed and laid out, and not otherwise. And to prevent any Partiality or Contest, in the first taking up of the Lots aforesaid,

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Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, as soon as conveniently may be after the Choice aforesaid shall be made by the Proprietor of the same Land as aforesaid, or after the Expiration of the Ten Days aforesaid, in case no such Choice shall be made, and after the Plats and Certificates aforesaid shall be made and returned as aforesaid, shall cause Advertisements to be set up at all public Places, as well in *Cæcil* County aforesaid, as in the neighbouring Counties in *Maryland*, and other adjacent Places, thereby giving Notice, that at a certain Day therein to be mentioned, not less than Three Weeks, nor more than Six Weeks from the Date of such Advertisements, the Lots of the said Town are to be taken up by Ballot or Lot, by any Persons whatsoever; and that on the Day so to be appointed, the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall meet on the same Land or Town, and shall cause the Numbers of so many of the Lots aforesaid, as there shall be Persons then and there willing and desiring to take up Lots, beginning with the Lots on the River-side, and proceeding for the whole Breadth of the Town backwards, to be written on distinct Pieces of Paper, which shall be rolled up as near as may be of equal Size and Bigness, and having put the same into a Box or Vessel, every Person then present, other than the Proprietor or Owner aforesaid, shall be at Liberty to draw out one of the said Numbers, which Number being entered with the Clerk aforesaid, and the Drawer paying to the Proprietor or Owner of the same Land, his or her Factor or Agent, the Price so as aforesaid fixed and set upon the Lot, the Number whereof he or she hath so drawn, and complying with the other Requisites hereafter mentioned, shall, and is hereby declared to be absolutely seized in an Estate in Fee-Simple of and in such Lot, against the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and all other Persons whatsoever: And if it shall happen that all the Lots aforesaid be not taken up or drawn on that Day, then the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall, and are hereby required to appoint another Day in the same Manner as herein before directed, for drawing and taking up the Residue of the said Lots, and shall proceed therein as herein before mentioned on the first Day aforesaid, and that all Persons who shall draw and take up any Lots on such second Day, and pay the Prices, and comply with the other Requisites aforesaid, shall have the like Estates, in such their Lots so drawn and entered as aforesaid, as the Drawers and Takers-up of Lots on the first Day are herein above declared to have: And if all the said Lots shall not be drawn and taken up on the second Day aforesaid, that then any

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